

**DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS** 

**CANNON BUILDING** 861 SILVER LAKE BLVD., SUITE 203 Dover, Delaware 19904-2467

# **BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL**

FAX: (302) 739-2711 WEBSITE: DPR.DELAWARE.GOV

TELEPHONE: (302) 744-4500

EMAIL: customerservice.dpr@state.de.us

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL** 

**DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS-Legislative Committee** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: January 25, 2017

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Daniel Cooper, LPCMH Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH James Elder, LCDP

Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LPCMH

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Cooper called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

# **Review and Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes for approval.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Discuss Supervisor Requirements and Statutes

Dr. Grande stated that the Committee voted and approved the current requirements to qualify as a supervisor, years of supervision experience and the six continuing education credits required, which are now in effect in the rules and regulations. The current application and forms do not allow this information to be verified. The Committee discussed updating their application forms to add the new regulations information regarding verifying years of experience and completion of the 6 hours of CE. Ms. Singh read Rule 3.1.1 and Rule 3.1.2. The committee advised that the application needs to be updated to provide attestation for the CE requirement and the 2 years of licensure in good standing in another state. Ms. Williams inquired if the application needs just attestation or both attestation and proof. Dr. Grande advised that it is important to see proof in addition to attestation. Mr. Cooper inquired if this requirement is too stringent to request proof in addition to attestation. Ms. Singh advised to draft an application change and place on the agenda for January meeting. Place this new requirement in the supervision section on the application. Ms. Williams will work with Ms. Singh and the System Administrator on the draft application for review at the January meeting for a possible Legislative meeting.

Board of Mental Health & Chemical Dependency Professionals-Legislative Committee December 14, 2016 Page 2

Dr. Drevno inquired if the Committee wanted to see other changes to the application as well. Dr. Grande advised that the current supervision requirements are not well defined. Dr. Drevno also advised to look into the associate counselor requirements and the bypassing the associate counselor license to become a LPCMH. Mr. Mangler addressed the Committee and advised that he received a letter from an agency and they inquired if a LCSW is acceptable supervision in lieu of an LPCMH at an agency. He advised that this letter will on the January agenda so that representatives from the agency, DE Guidance, can attend to address the Board regarding this matter. The committee discussed looking into future changes to the regulations to limit the amount of supervisees to a supervisor as currently the regulations have no limit. Mr. Elder advised that he likes Virginia's supervision requirements. Dr. Grande advised that this Board's ideology is more logistic as there are not many counselors out there where as with psychology and social work there are more individuals who can be a supervisor and have specifically limited who can be a supervisor.

Dr. Drevno inquired about how current graduates are supposed to become LACMH towards full licensure instead of going the other route to full licensure. Ms. Singh advised that the Board attempted to institute a regulation that went against the law that stated that an applicant had to become an associate before a licensed counselor but that regulation could not be implemented.

Mr. Mangler also advised that the Board's current requirements do not allow for another pathway to licensure since they have to have 5 years' experience and NBCC certification when applying by reciprocity. Ms. Singh advised that the Board statutorily proposed to remove the NBCC certification as it created a barrier to licensure for a draft bill; however with this new discussion, she advised that the Committee meet again next month to discuss this statue again. The Committee determined that the Board has no authority to enforce an applicant who is a recent graduate to obtain the LACMH as a path to LPCMH licensure.

# **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

#### Other Business before the Committee (For Discussion Only)

There was no other business before the Committee.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

# **Next Meeting Date**

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for January 25, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. prior to the Board meeting.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

Dr. Madhl made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Williams

Administrative Specialist III

1 /icole M. Williams